



Charles County Commissioner

CANDICE QUINN KELLY

PRESIDENT



Commissioner President Candice Quinn Kelly is a business owner, entrepreneur, elected official, and community leader. Prior to being elected in 2010 to her current term on the Board of Commissioners, she was appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy on the Board from 2005 until the end of 2006.

Commissioner President Kelly has more than 25 years of executive and administrative experience in the field of business. Before retiring in 2010, she owned a homeowner association management firm, which was recognized with a Leading Edge Award as the Charles County Technology Company of the Year, and is one of 140 nationally recognized, certified management firms in the country.

In addition to her business pursuits, Commissioner President Kelly was the former executive director of Catholic Charities Angel's Watch Shelter for Homeless Women and Children, and served as a community organizer for Southern Maryland Area Self Help (SMASH). Named Philanthropist of the Year in 2009 by the Community Foundation of Charles County, the Charles County Commission for Women recognized her with a Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding community service.

Currently, Commissioner President Kelly holds the office of secretary/treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG). She was also elected president of the Board of Directors of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Maryland Association of Counties (MACo). She serves as the chief local elected official of the Workforce Investment Board serving the Southern Maryland region.

Throughout her career, Commissioner President Kelly has advocated for citizens in need. She has championed the county's Rural Housing Initiative aimed at reducing the number of homes in Charles County without indoor plumbing. Also, Commissioner Kelly spearheaded an initiative to fly the POW/MIA flag in Charles County and statewide, bringing continued visibility to the plight of POW/MIAs, individuals who gave up their freedom protecting ours.

Commissioner President Kelly has served on the Charles County Library Board of Trustees, and College of Southern Maryland Foundation Board of Directors. She is a member of the Fourth and Fifth District Democratic Club, Western Charles County Democratic Club; Northern Charles County Democratic Club; United Democratic Women's Clubs of Maryland; and the Charles County Garden Club. She is the County Commissioner representative on the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees; MACo Legislative Committee; Area Council on Aging; Naval Support Activity South Potomac Civilian-Military Community Relations Council; College of Southern Maryland Advisory Board; and the Charles County Scholarship Fund.

A graduate of the Institute of Notre Dame High School in Baltimore, Md., Commissioner President Kelly has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies from the University of Maryland, University College. She was appointed by the governor to the Southern Maryland Higher Education Council, and she is an alumnus of the Rutgers University Women's Executive Leadership Program.

Commissioner President Kelly is the mother of three: Brenton, Megan, and John. She and her husband, Edwin, are parishioners at St. Ignatius Church of Chapel Point. They reside in La Plata.